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**Local Boards and Municipal Council.**

*Trifurcation of the Bezwada Taluk Board.*

\* 241 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to trifurcate the Bezwada Taluk Board;

(b) the date when the proposal is likely to be given effect to;

(c) whether the necessary formalities have been gone through;

(d) whether the opinion of the Kistna District Board has been obtained about the proposal;

(e) whether the election of the President, District Board, is being questioned by an objection petition before the District Court, Kistna; and

(f) the reasons why pending the disposal of that petition the Government seek to strengthen the position of the present president by increasing the number of taluk boards?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The date has not yet been fixed.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

(e) The Government have no official information

(f) The one has nothing to do with the other.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to answer to clause (b) of this question, may I know whether the date has not been fixed yet?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The date has been fixed after the answer was given.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I know what it is?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“I remember it is 10th February to 10th March.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to (b), may I know why the opinion of the Kistna District Board was not obtained?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The Government are not bound to obtain the opinion of the district board.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask whether the Government do not usually consult the district boards in regard to proposals of this kind?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Not always.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Was the Chittoor District Board consulted in the matter of trifurcation?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“I can't say that offhand. I have said that the Government do not always consult the district boards.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask whether any principle is followed as to whether certain district boards should be consulted or whether it is left to the whim and fancy of the Government?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“When the Government are satisfied that they have otherwise the required information to deal with the case they do not consult the district boards.”

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"In that case, Sir, in the Bellary district, they went out of the way and consulted the district board."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to answer to clause (e), may I know whether they have any unofficial information about it?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Personally I remember to have seen some article in the newspapers."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to answer (f), in view of the statement that the hon. Member has got some information about this, may I ask why the Government should go on with this proposal, while the petition has not been disposed of?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"I understand that the petition has been disposed of."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know with what results?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"My information is that the petition was dismissed."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, as the result of these arrangements, whether all members of the newly constituted taluk boards will be nominated by the President of the District Board?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"They are nominated by the Government."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—"Is there any rule made that no member of the community appointed is a member of the Bezwada Taluk Board?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Sir, there is no such rule."

*Contributions from local bodies to flood-relief funds.*

\* 242 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names and the number of local bodies which contributed to the recent flood-relief funds of South India; the amounts contributed by each;

(b) the names and the number of such bodies whose donations were vetoed by the Government;

(c) the reasons for such disallowance; and

(d) whether certain local bodies were permitted to contribute to the Central Flood Relief Fund and not to the People's Flood Relief Fund and, if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

A.—(a) The 39 local boards mentioned in Appendix II<sup>a</sup> contributed the amount noted against them to the recent flood relief funds in South India with the sanction of Government. In the case of municipal councils the power to sanction extraordinary expenditure generally has been delegated to the Collectors. One municipal council applied to Government direct for sanction which was declined as the finances of the council were unsatisfactory.

<sup>a</sup> Printed as Appendix II on page 637 infra.